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SUMMARY: THE FONOFF DOES NOT EXPECT ANY MAJOR POLITICAL
OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE CHANCELLOR'S VISIT
TO POLAND SEPTEMBER 19-21, IF HE STILL GOES. THE
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SIGNED LAST YEAR WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT THROUGH AN
EXCHANGE OF NOTES. A "MEMORANDUM" ON ECONOMIC
COOPERATION BETWEEN GERMAN AND POLISH FIRMS IS ALSO
READY FOR SIGNATURE. WARSAW IS AWARE THAT NEW
GOVERNMENT CREDITS ARE NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME
AND NO REQUESTS ARE ANTICIPATED. THERE IS AN IN-
CREASING POSSIBILITY THAT THE SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING

CASE WILL FORCE A POSTPONEMENT OF THE VISIT. END
SUMMARY.

1. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A
SIZEABLE AND DISPARATE ENTOURAGE DURING HIS SEPTEMBER
19-23 VISIT TO POLAND. THE GROUP WILL INCLUDE SPD
PARLIAMENTARY LEADER WEHNER, DGB CHAIRMAN VETTER AND
OTHER IMPORTANT UNIONISTS, INDUSTRIALISTS AND CULTURAL
LEADERS. FONOFF STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL AND STATE
MINISTER WISCHNEWSKI FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE WILL
ALSO GO ALONG. GENSCHER WILL MAKE A SEPARATE VISIT TO
POLAND IN LATE DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY.

2. SCHMIDT AND GIEREK WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS IN WARSAW
SEPT. 19-20. ON SEPT. 21, GIEREK WILL ACCOMPANY
SCHMIDT ON A VISIT TO KRAKOW. THE CHANCELLOR WILL
ALSO TRAVEL TO AUSCHWITZ AND GDANSK, BEFORE RETURNING
TO WARSAW ON SEPT. 23.

3. THE FONOFF (FINKE-OSIANDER) SEES THE VISIT AS
ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN POLISH-GERMAN RELATIONS. NO
MAJOR POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS ARE EXPECTED.
THE TWO SIDES WILL EXCHANGE NOTES PUTTING INTO EFFECT
THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT SIGNED DURING GIEREK'S VISIT
TO BONN IN JUNE 1976. A "MEMORANDUM" ON ECONOMIC
COOPERATION BETWEEN GERMAN AND POLISH SMALL AND
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MEDIUM SIZE FIRMS WILL ALSO BE SIGNED. THE FRG HOPES
FOR SOME PROGRESS IN UNION AND YOUTH EXCHANGES,
THOUGH THERE REMAIN DIFFERENCES IN THE LATTER AREA.
THE POLES ARE PRESSING THE GERMANS TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE
ON THE NPT IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE. THERE IS, HOWEVER,
SOME SENTIMENT IN THE FONOFF THAT THIS ISSUE IS
INAPPROPRIATE IN A BILATERAL COMMUNIQUE. ON THE
WHOLE, THE VISIT IS MORE SYMBOLISM THAN SUBSTANCE.

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4. THE FRG HAS INDICATED TO WARSAW THAT FURTHER
GOVERNMENT CREDITS ARE NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME AND
THE POLES ARE NOT EXPECTED TO REQUEST ANY. WHILE THE
FRG WILL CONSIDER FUTURE POLISH REQUESTS, CREDITS ON
THE ORDER OF THE 1975 AGREEMENT (DM 1.0 BILLION) ARE
OUT OF THE QUESTION.

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5. THE FONOFF IS SATISFIED WITH THE FUNCTIONING OF
THE 1975 EMIGRATION AGREEMENT (RATIFIED BY THE
BUNDESTAG IN 1976, THERE HAS BEEN A VIRTUAL END TO
CASES OF APPLICANTS FOR EXIT PERMITS BEING FIRED FROM
THEIR JOBS OR ARBITRARILY TURNED DOWN. THERE HAS BEEN
A SLIGHT DROP IN THE RATE OF ETHNIC GERMANS RECEIVING
EXIT PERMITS SINCE APRIL 1977 I.E., DOWN TO 2,000 -
2,300 FROM THE MONTHLY RATE OF 2,500 SPECIFIED IN THE
AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT SEEN AS A CAUSE FOR
CONCERN.

COMMENT: WHILE OUR SOURCE WAS UPBEAT ABOUT THE VISIT, NOT EVERYONE IS AS SANGUINE. WE ARE TOLD THAT ANOTHER FONOFF OFFICIAL DEALING WITH POLISH AFFAIRS HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE POLES MAY BE LESS FORTHCOMING ON EMIGRATION MATTERS ONCE THE 1975 CREDIT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN FULLY DRAWN DOWN AT THE END OF THE YEAR. THE SAME OFFICIAL ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT THE CLIMATE OF POLISH-GERMAN RELATIONS NOTING PARTICULARLY LAST SPRING'S PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE FRG.

SOME CONTACTS IN THE CHANCELLERY AND THE FONOFF HAVE MENTIONED THE INCREASING POSSIBILITY THAT THE SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING COULD FORCE SCHMIDT TO POSTPONE HIS TRIP, AS HAPPENED EARLIER THIS WEEK WITH THE CALLAGHAN VISIT. THE CHANCELLOR ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO FRG-POLISH RELATIONS AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GO ON SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, HE IS PERSONALLY LEADING THE SCHLEYER "CRISIS STAFF" AND A DRASTIC TURN OF EVENTS, OR PERHAPS EVEN A CONTINUATION OF THE STALEMATE, COULD LEAVE HIM NO CHOICE BUT TO REMAIN IN BONN.

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